

21. **ISSUE: HENDERSHOTT RALLIED POSSE AND SWORN DEPUTIES FOR SYMINGTON'S RE-ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT UNDER THE RUSE THAT SYMINGTON WAS GOING TO SIGN A CRIME BILL - SUBJECT: HENDERSHOTT**
(Munnell Memo p. 45)

Chief Deputy David Hendershott

H16A. Allegedly, circa 1994, Chief Deputy David Hendershott inappropriately induced MCSO personnel to attend an event at the Capitol by representing that the occasion was for Governor Fife Symington to sign a crime bill, when the true purpose was to get them present for a political campaign rally for Symington.

MUNNELL'S WRITTEN ACCOUNT

Hendershott rallies Posse and sworn Deputies for Symington Re-election announcement under the ruse of saying that Symington was going to sign a crime bill.

In the fall of 1994, Hendershott summoned our division personnel and stated that we needed to set up a display of our Sheriff's Office vehicles and uniformed personnel at the State Capitol because Governor Fife Symington was going to sign a crime bill. We rushed to get our vehicles, displays, and our personnel to the plaza adjacent the Capitol building. When we arrived, we soon found out that the event was actually a political campaign rally where Symington was announcing he was running for re-election. It was obvious that Hendershott used the crime bill signing as a ruse used to get our Office resources to this event. I was not alone about being intentionally misled.

After the event, Hendershott had the audacity to call Robert Bailey, the Commander of the Sun City West Posse and chastise him for not showing up at the event and not supporting the Sheriff. In his letter of response written to Hendershott dated October 6, 1994, Bailey not only mentioned the enormous support his posse had provided to the Sheriff's Office during that year, but said it would have been very difficult to put together a "signing" mission due to their current commitments. In addition, he wrote to Hendershott the following: "I have trouble understanding that you do not think that the event was political. What I read in the Republic, the following day, certainly sounded political to me. I believe I made it clear that this posse does not tie itself to any political event."

WITNESSES LISTED BY MUNNELL

Deputy Chief Frank Munnell	Ordered by Hendershott to participate.
Director Rollie Seebert	Ordered by Hendershott to participate.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Hendershott announced that Governor Symington was signing a crime bill at the Capitol building and summoned Munnell's division personnel to attend. They all rushed to the Capitol only to find that there was a political campaign rally in progress where Symington was announcing he was running for re-election. Hendershott called the Commander of the Sun City West Posse and chastised him for not attending, to which

1 Bailey responded with a letter stating that his "posse does not tie itself to any political
2 event."
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4 **WITNESS ACCOUNTS**

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6 **Frank Munnell**

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8 Munnell stands by the position set forth in the Munnell memo.
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10 **Rollie Seebert**

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12 Seebert confirmed the information in the Munnell memo relating to this event.
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14 **David Hendershott**

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16 According to Hendershott, the Governor was going to sign a bill, and Sheriff Arpaio had
17 called, requesting that Hendershott "get some guys over there." Hendershott told Frank
18 Munnell to "get some posse guys over there." Hendershott claims that the purpose was
19 not a political campaign rally for Symington, but rather to be present at a bill signing.
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21 Hendershott was asked if he knew for a fact that this was a situation of Governor
22 Symington signing a crime bill and his response was that Sheriff Arpaio had said the
23 purpose was to sign a crime bill. Hendershott believed that Sheriff Arpaio was in
24 attendance at the event. Hendershott did not know whether, during the course of the
25 event, Symington announced that he was running for reelection.
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